



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
VIRTUAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
PROJECT DESCRIPTION – DRL/SADR**



This project seeks a Virtual Fellow to serve with the **Office of the Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights & Labor (DRL/SADR)** as a **Research Consultant**.

Fellow Location: The Fellow will serve virtually and will not be physically located at the Department of State.

Project Name: SADR & Gender Based Violence Initiative.

Project Description: SADR wishes to host a Fellow to conduct research on the accommodations provided by U.S. and other criminal justice systems for victims of gender-based violence with physical, cognitive, or psychosocial disabilities. The research would be intended to support the work the Gender Based Violence Initiative as well as SADR's own international outreach. Depending on the research findings, the Fellow might be asked to prepare a white paper on policy options for disability accommodation in criminal justice.

Program Requirements: The precepts of the Virtual Fellows Program call for Fellows to have a high degree of administrative, professional, or technical knowledge/experience and a minimum of five years of professional experience that is directly applicable to the assigned task.

Project-specific Knowledge, Skills, or Abilities:

- Strong analytical and critical thinking ability;
- Graduate-level research experience;
- Superior writing skills.

Clearance: The Fellow must be a U.S. citizen and must receive a Public Trust determination prior to starting his/her service. The Virtual Fellows Program staff will work with the accepted candidate to obtain the Public Trust determination. (Note: A candidate is NOT required to have a Public Trust determination prior to applying for this project.)

Remuneration: The Virtual Fellow will be appointed to the federal civil service as an intermittent, unpaid consultant. The Department assumes no responsibility for providing any salary or benefits to the Fellow in connection with his/her participation in the Program.